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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATIONS CONFERENCE

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1. BISHOP LUIS BAMBAREN INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT HE WILL BE MEMBER PERUVIAN DELEGATION ATTENDING WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. AGE 46, BAMBAREN IS AUXILIARY BISHOP OF LIMA. HE IS AN AMBITIOUS, ARTICULATE, INFLUENTIAL, SOCIAL REFORM MINDED PRIEST WHO HAS WORKED ACTIVELY IN LIMA'S SLUMS. BAMBAREN, WHO SPEAKS LITTLE ENGLISH, GENERALLY SUPPORTS THE SOCIALIST OBJECTIVES OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION. HIS BIOGRAPHY APPEARS IN THE BIOGRAPHIC HANDBOOK.

2. BRIGADIER GENERAL ENRIQUE FALCONI MEJIA WILL LEAD PERU DEL. AGE 53, HE IS SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. FALCONI IS A FRIENDLY, INTELLIGENT, MODERATE MILITARY OFFICER AND SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH (SEE DIA BIO DATED NOVEMBER 1966 AND IR 6876 0048 72 FOR FURTHER INFO).

3. ABRAHAM RAMIREZ LITUMA IS ALSO A DEL. AGE 32, HE IS AN ADVISER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. AN IDEALISTIC, POLITICALLY INCLINED ADVOCATE OF PERU'S REVOLUTION, HE IS LIKELY TO ESPOUSE A NATIONALISTIC, THIRD WORLD LINE. RAMIREZ IS NEVERTHELESS FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS AND WILLING TO LISTEN TO OUR VIEWS. AFTER THE CONFERENCE, HE IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO THE

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UNITED STATES ON A LEADER GRANT.

4. IT WAS EARLIER EXPECTED (REFTEL) THAT PERU WOULD SEND A MORE RANKING DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE. DECISION HAS BEEN MADE APPARENTLY TO DOWNGRADE CONFERENCE, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF REGIME OPPOSITION TO BIRTH CONTROL. HOWEVER, PERUVIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL BE REPRESENTED PROMINENTLY BY BISHOP BAMBAREN, POSSIBLY PERU'S BEST KNOWN CLERIC AFTER THE CARDINAL. DEAN

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